

# Emerson Eaglet

November 16th, 2016



## Principal's Message

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, I reflect on all the positive things in my life that I have to celebrate.

I am **thankful** for Emerson's Multicultural Parent Group for coordinating our annual Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) celebration. This year's Day of the Dead celebration included amazing altars, nichos, art, food, crafts, dancing, and face painting. So many members of our community attended the event and helped us celebrate. I am thankful for our business partners who donated food, craft supplies, and their time to make Day of the Dead such a success.

I am **thankful** for the Emerson community. It is all of our amazing and generous parents, guardians, and community members that create such a rich and diverse community. Emerson is participating in our annual food drive through November 22nd. A theme here at Emerson is to "pay it forward" and the food drive is one way that the Emerson community can make a difference for needy families in Salt Lake City.

I am **thankful** for the amazing faculty and staff I have working with me at Emerson. As I visit classrooms, I am so impressed by the effective teaching practices and the care for students I see from all of our professionals. I am so lucky to work with each of them.

Finally, I am **thankful** for our students. They are the reason we are all here...they are our purpose. I find each of them special and inspiring in their own way. It is easy to keep a focus on kids. All I have to do is look at their faces each day.

Thanksgiving is a time when all of us can reflect on and celebrate all of the things for which **we are thankful**. I feel so lucky to be a part of the amazing team at Emerson. Our school community of students, families, faculty, and staff is a wonderful blessing that I am thankful for every day.

**Happy Thanksgiving!**

-Ms Reynolds



Nov 18- End of 1st Trimester  
Nov 21-Maturation (5th & 6th grades)  
Nov 22-Report Cards sent home  
Nov 22 - Rico's Market sale  
Nov 23-25-Thanksgiving-NO SCHOOL  
Dec. 7 - PTA meeting (6:30 library)  
Dec. 14 - SCC meeting (5:30pm library)



## Reflections on Teaching:

Our own Shelly Powell-Hamilton has written her reflections on why she loves teaching for the district newsletter. Check out the on-line district newsletter here:

<http://www.slcschools.org/guest-author-teacher.php>

## SCC = School Community Council

The SCC held an open house on October 27th at Rico Warehouse. The gathering was a chance for Emerson families to come and learn more about the SCC and what they do, while building community and enjoying delicious food! Salt Lake City School District Superintendent Lexi Cunningham attended the meeting and talked about the district's Student Achievement Plan.

Upcoming SCC meetings include Wednesday November 16, 5:30 at the Emerson Library, and December 14, 5:30 location TBD.

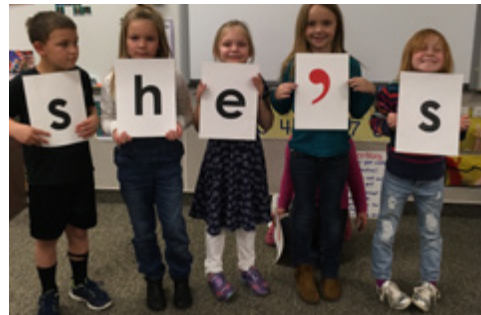
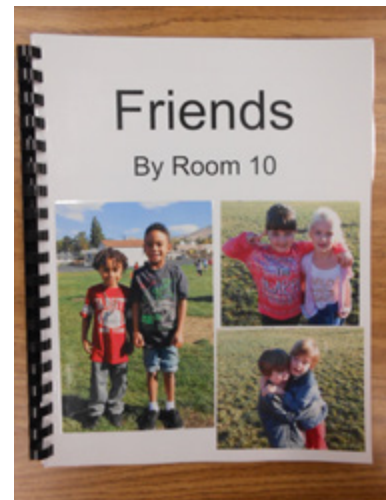
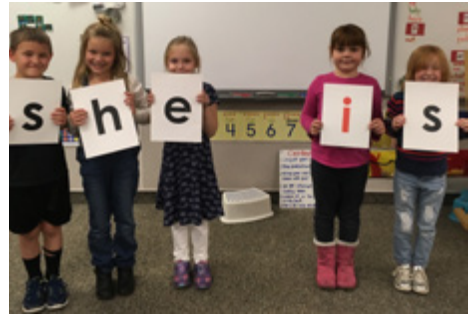
## What's happening in First Grade in November:

**Mrs. Leys's** class is busy learning about contractions and the all-important apostrophe. They are having fun shoving letters out of the way to make brand new contractions -- but don't worry, they've remembered those sad little lost letters with an apostrophe!

**Mrs. Allred's** class has been learning about the writing process. They wrote some great stories about friends and created a class book containing all of their stories. They added photographs to the book and it is currently their favorite book in the class library.

**Mrs. O'Mara's** first graders are learning about culture and traditions. They had a lot of fun creating Nichos and masks for Emerson's annual Day of the Dead Celebration!

**Mrs. Pizarro** is teaching her students all about the writing process. They are working diligently on pieces all about Pilgrims and Native Americans as part of their Thanksgiving unit. Keep an eye out for their completed work in the hallway across from the gym!



## Highlight on First Grade:

Team Caption: From left to right

**Annie Leys** has been teaching first grade for 9 years. This is her second year at Emerson, which she loves for many reasons and not just because she gets to share the daily commute with her 2nd-grade son, Fisher, and her 4th-grade daughter, Carson.

**Kristin Allred** has been teaching for 15 years. She says that she loves teaching first grade because first graders have so much enthusiasm and excitement about school and learning and it's amazing to see how much academic growth they make during the year.



**Pauline O'Mara** has been an Emerson Eagle for 8 years and loves teaching First Grade! According to Pauline, the best thing about teaching Firsties, besides being super cute, is how much academic growth they make in one year!

**Patricia Pizarro** has been teaching for 23 years, 11 of which have been at Emerson. She adores teaching IP students and can often be seen leading her class in an energetic song and dance!

## Physical Education:

Hello from PE! We have had an amazing time in our PE classes so far this year. From playing awesome games to learning how to use our bodies and become fit and healthy, we have been learning like crazy. This year we participated in **Personal Best Day** (based on SPARK curriculum) and students were able to test themselves on sit-ups, push-ups, and running. As we continue to learn and grow, I would like to throw the invite out to all of you to be a special guest in PE! If you or someone you know is a superstar at yoga, karate, Crossfit, gymnastics, rock climbing, hockey, Zumba, snow shoeing, or anything super fun please contact me. Businesses also welcome (free advertising woohoo!). Let's work together to help our students expand their opportunities for health, now and forever! Coach M.  
email: [hayley.mckown@slcschools.org](mailto:hayley.mckown@slcschools.org)

## Dia de los Muertos / Day of the Dead.

Thank you to everyone who came out and celebrated the Day of the Dead with Emerson. Now in its 7th year due to hard work by **Suyin Chong** and **Marla Lepe** the festival is more successful than ever. This year performers from ArtePrimero students, Nonantzin folkloric dance group, Chinelos traditional Dancers and the Aztec Dance Group filled the air with sound and imagery.

**Thanks again** to **Rico Brand** and **PTA** for the burrito dinner, to **Panadería Flores** for delicious Bread donated and Arte Primero who trained our 5th and 6th graders to face paint and donate supplies, also to those students that kindly donate their time and talent painting faces, thanks to teachers for participating building an altar, Nichos or crafts, and staff to support us.

Thanks to volunteers that helped put this fiesta together and to all the children who decorated Nichos and celebrated departed love ones. **Altar winner Steve Irvin** by **Mrs Blacker, Mrs Holden and Mrs Cologna's class, Nichos** by **Mrs O'Mara's and Audrey Forte-Riel, Lily Aya Nelson, Kayla Castro and David Manig and Amelia Swenson-Pruss at the Community Nichos.**

See you the same time next year!!

## Golden Trays

Good behavior is focused on the cafeteria right now. We will be introducing two "**Golden Trays**", one for upper grade and one for lower grades to earn for **appropriate behavior in the cafeteria**. Each class will receive a score each day at the end of their lunch and the golden tray will be rewarded to a class (upper and lower) each week. We are excited to get started in the next week.

## PTA:

Send an email to [emerson.pta01@gmail.com](mailto:emerson.pta01@gmail.com) to be added to the **PTA mailing list**. Learn about upcoming events and how you can help out in little ways that may or may not include attending monthly meetings. There are always little ways to help the school.

\*\*\* Remember to save box tops. \*\*\*



## It Pays to Recycle:

SLC schools have a recycling program that can pay us for the cardboard and paper we recycle. At the moment we have reduced our waste to the point where we don't meet the minimum weight for pay-back. Reducing waste is certain a good thing, but we could also turn the recycling into a money maker. Bring recycling from home and place it in the hallway recycle bins. Instead of giving it to SLC in your household bin, **we can sell it to GreenFiber directly and benefit the school**. Each classroom should also make sure the waste paper goes to the right place every day and avoid the landfill whenever possible. To-





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